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from the EDITOR'S CHAIR

SHORTAGE, SURPLUS OR???

Salinas Strawberries, Inc., is the state's largest grower of that crop. It has been making the most noise over the alleged shortage of strawberry pickers.

Last weekend, so many American workers showed up at Salinas Strawberries, Inc., that 700 were turned away.

The firm's excuse was that it was unable to sign up so many workers. Presumably, this included taking their names and social security numbers.

Salinas Strawberries thought this should have been done by the state government. It later claimed ignorance of a federal government offer to do the job.

At any rate, it would be interesting to find out how many employers in other businesses expect the government, federal or state, to recruit their employees and then gather payroll data, too.

By Monday, Salinas Strawberries, Inc., was hollering for more workers. Obviously, the 700 who were turned away or got discouraged waiting could have done a lot of picking over the weekend.

Once again, it would appear the growers would rather plow under their crops than hire American workers. And again the shoddy seams of their poorly-conceived propaganda campaign came apart in public view.

CHEAP TALK!

While the federal government was investigating what happened at Salinas Strawberries, state officials were wasting a lot of time talking about an offer by Mexican-American leaders who offered from 3,000 to 10,000 workers a week ago. They talked instead of acting for days!

Once again, the state offered to play Big Brother to the poor, starving growers by setting up recruitment centers as branches of the State Department of Employment—thus footing part of the bill.

PUTTING IT INTO FOCUS

Glenn Brockway, the U.S. Labor Department's regional chief in San Francisco, made some statements last week which showed that the federal government doesn't believe a lot of the growers' propaganda.

The official news release containing Brockway's remarks is printed on page 8.

It's good to hear a federal official put the phony farm labor shortage into focus again.

The sad thing is that so many well-meaning people—the kind who are shocked by the conditions migrant farm workers live and work in—have swallowed whole the growers' propaganda, as given straight coverage by newspapers, radio and television.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.

Labor's goal: elect Rose, Mrs. Price; beat Prop. 1



ELECTRA KIMBLE PRICE

CLC discussion on politics. COPE, legislative action

Central Labor Council delegates discussed politics, the effectiveness of labor's Council on Political Education (COPE) and prospects for legislative action Monday night.

The discussion started when John Leggett, Teachers 1474, urged labor to run its own candidates in primary elections against incumbents who fail to support union legislative programs.

Ernest Perry, Steelworkers 1304, president of Alameda County COPE, said such a move was under consideration.

'AFFILIATE WITH COPE'

Leslie K. Moore, Auto and Ship Painters 1176, urged all unions to affiliate with COPE and pay full per capita tax to make labor's political programs more meaningful.

Constantine Kazaranoff, Teachers 1494, criticized Assemblyman Carlos Bee (D.-Hayward) for voting for Assembly Bill 1474. He described the measure, which is backed by the "company union California Teachers Association," as "a very bad bill" and said it would severely handicap the Teachers' Union.

Tom Hunter, Machinists 284, reported on legislation and other trends discussed at the recent California Conference of Machinists' meeting in Sacramento.

Richard Albert, Teachers 1440, asked all unionists to state their opposition to A.B. 1474, which he said was expected to come before the Senate Education Committee in two weeks.

GOP WOOLING LABOR

M. A. Walters, Electrical Workers 1245, charged the so-called "moderate" wing of the Repub-

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Both AFL-CIO councils oppose charter proposal

Organized labor's goals in next Tuesday's Oakland election are victory for Seymour M. Rose and Electra Kimble Price in school board races and defeat of Proposition 1—the take-it-or-leave-it City Charter scheme.

Rose and Mrs. Price have been officially endorsed by the Alameda County AFLCIO Council on Political Education, which has called for their election to spur the Board of Education into action to meet Oakland's mounting school problems (see editorial, page 8).

REGULAR SPECTATOR

A regular spectator at Board of Education meetings for the last two years, Mrs. Price criticizes the present school board for failure to provide adequate special classes for both gifted and disadvantaged children.

She says a good master plan for education in Oakland would enable the city to pay teachers more and thus attract better instructors. She urges an end to "crisis" financing.

Rose condemns the board's tendency to cold-shoulder state and federal programs and says this hurts our children. He also stresses the need for special education for the gifted and advantaged, as well as a sound approach to problems caused by de facto segregation.

Rose emphasizes the need to upgrade vocational and pre-apprenticeship training in Oakland.

PROPOSITION 1 OPPOSED

Both the Central Labor Council and Building Trades Council have unanimously opposed Proposition 1 on the Oakland ballot.

While union members are particularly worried about the weakening of prevailing wage protections and denial of current leave and vacation rights enjoyed by some city employees, they point out that the proposed new City Charter poses other dangers for the public at large.

Chief attention has been focused on the fact that the City Council would be given power to set the mayor's salary at any level without a vote of the people—despite the fact that voters turned down a pay increase for the mayor two years ago.

However, experts point out there are also dangers in the proposed sections giving more power to the mayor, which would weaken the checks and balances of the present city manager form of government.

They also express concern over sections which would threaten the semi-independent status of the Port Commission and place it under more direct political control of City Hall.

The Central Labor Council has voted to oppose the school tax increase (Proposition 2) until a better program to meet Oakland's school needs is advanced by the school board.

On the other hand, the Building Trades Council Executive Board has taken the position that it is unsound to deny needed tax money to local schools and favors Proposition 1.

Regardless of how they vote, all union members in Oakland and their families are urged to go to the polls Tuesday and cast their ballots, in view of the important school races and the crucial City Charter proposal.

Blast shipyard fined \$6,000

Federal Judge Alfonso J. Zirpoli has imposed a maximum fine of \$3,000 on each of two counts against Pacific Coast Engineering Co. for willfully violating federal law and regulations on safe working conditions for employees.

The Oakland firm pleaded no contest on the criminal charges, which arose from an Estuary barge explosion killing two members of Boilermakers 10, Paul Kramer and William S. Sauer, on March 19, 1964.

The federal government contended the company violated regulations of the Secretary of

Labor issued under the Longshoremen's and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act: that no welding, cutting or heating be done where application of flammable paints or presence of other flammable compounds exists.

Donald Pickford, district safety consultant for the U.S. Labor Department, said Kramer and Sauer were directed by a supervisor to use an acetylene cutting torch on a manhole cover near a newly painted tank.

The company had not obtained a "gas free" certificate and had failed to conduct gas tests, Pickford said.

Eyewitness report from Murphy 'tour'

By DOROTHY KAUFFMAN

Last week, farm labor news focused on harvesting in the strawberry fields of the Salinas and Santa Ana (Orange County) areas.

Last year, braceros were working in these fields, and domestic berry pickers, in a 10-county survey by the Industrial Welfare Commission, averaged just under \$1 an hour on piece rates.

This year, there is hardly a bracero to be found in California. Berry pickers are guaranteed \$1.40 an hour, under the criteria set by Labor Secretary Wirtz, and some growers are

Ochoa reports

Lee Ochoa of Railway Clerks 1304 told the Central Labor Council he attended the meeting in Sacramento at which Mexican-American leaders offered to supply from 3,000 to 10,000 farm workers.

Ochoa urged that the AFL-CIO Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee be contacted by the Mexican-American leaders, he told CLC delegates.

paying a bonus of 15 cents a crate on top of this.

PUBLICITY STUNT

The largest strawberry grower in the world, Salinas Strawberries, with a 1,000 acre spread, has been leading the wolf cries of "labor shortage, disaster area, rotting crops, send us labor from Mexico."

As a publicity stunt, freshman Republican Senator George Murphy was invited by growers to tour the area last Saturday.

Members of the AFLCIO Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee and Citizens for Farm Labor were also on hand to greet the Senator with factual news clips refuting the "rotting crops" cries.

The tour began with an 11-mile ride down Old Stage Road outside Salinas, past almost continuous fields of ripening strawberries. Unfortunately for the growers' publicity stunt, all these fields were full of pickers—over 1,000 strong.

Farm labor buses from Chualar, Gonzales and San Jose were noted, and many private cars. Finally, the cavalcade reached a Salinas Strawberries field being guarded by highway patrolmen. The field gate had a prominent

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HOW TO BUY

Some vets can reinstate insurance

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS

Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

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National Service Life Insurance is low priced because the government pays the administrative costs.

Ex-servicemen who have held on to this insurance are enjoying a particular bargain. Dividends have been unusually high, making the actual cost of the insurance even lower than had been expected.

Under a recent law, some veterans with disabilities who have not retained their GI insurance, or the full amount, have until May 1, 1966, to reinstate it.

These include veterans with service-connected disabilities, even if not severe enough to qualify for a pension, and those with disabilities not service-connected but severe enough that they cannot obtain insurance from private companies.

Such veterans can buy from \$1,000 to \$10,000 of the new insurance. However, they cannot have more than \$10,000 of GI insurance altogether.

FORMS OF LIFE insurance available to disabled veterans do not include term insurance. "Term" is the lowest cost type. It does not accumulate cash value but is especially suitable for breadwinners with young children. It makes it possible to carry a large amount of insurance at relatively low cost.

However, a new form of GI insurance, called "modified life," is available, as well as ordinary life insurance. The modified life accumulates cash value as does ordinary life. The difference is that on your 65th birthday, the amount of insurance is reduced by one-half, though the premium is not reduced.

For an ex-serviceman of 45 eligible for the new program, modified life costs \$1.32 a month for each \$1,000 of insurance, compared to \$1.89 for GI ordinary life insurance.

If you must keep down expenses, the modified life is a reasonable choice.

To arrange for this insurance, contact the Veterans Administration office in your area.

DISABILITY INSURANCE — As we have pointed out before, any veteran who has GI insurance also can take advantage of a bargain in disability insurance. This is an optional coverage, which provides that if you become totally disabled you will receive a monthly income of \$10 for each \$1,000 of GI life insurance you carry.

A veteran aged 40 with \$10,000 of GI term insurance would pay \$2.80 a month and would get \$100 a month if he became totally

disabled for six months or more, even if not permanently disabled. To secure this coverage, you would have to show that you are now in satisfactory health. This insurance is especially valuable for men working in occupations with some degree of hazard, who usually have to pay extra for private disability insurance.

DISABILITY PAYMENTS — Still another program, separate and distinct from the GI disability insurance, provides payments by the Veterans Administration for any war veteran who becomes totally disabled. To qualify, the vet's other income must be no more than \$1,800, if he has no dependents, or \$3,000 if he has dependents.

Any disabling permanent illness or injury that prevents him from obtaining regular employment qualifies him. It need not be service incurred. Payments are from \$40 to \$100 a month, depending on other income and number of dependents.

At 65, moderate-income veterans may be able to get the V.A. disability payments in addition to Social Security, since the law presumes that veterans over 65 are 90 per cent disabled because of their age. Many of the common ailments of elderly people can be considered as completing the necessary 100 per cent disability, such as impaired eyesight or hearing, varicose veins, etc.

FAMILY BENEFITS — Families of veterans, including Korean, are eligible for monthly benefits on their death. A widow with children gets payments if her other income, including Social Security, is no more than \$3,000 a year. Children, or a widow without children, are eligible if the income is no more than \$1,800. Often children can get payments even if the mother is not eligible because her own income exceeds the maximum.

The V.A. also pays a funeral reimbursement of \$250, to whoever pays that expense. Eligible are all wartime veterans, or peacetime veterans who were discharged or retired for disability, or getting compensation at time of death.

As with all Social Security and V.A. benefits, these death payments must be applied for. They do not arrive automatically.

Inside joke

"I do hope the weather is nice today, said one lady kangaroo to another. "I just hate it when the children have to play inside." —The Machinist.

E. B. Muni Employees 390

By DAVE JEFFERY

It is most important that all of our members who live in Oakland go to the polls Tuesday, May 18, and defeat the proposed Oakland City Charter sellout. Vote NO on Proposition 1 May 18!

The proposed charter changes are presented with a take-it-or-leave-it package deal. Many of the changes proposed are very bad, such as the giving the City Council the power to set the mayor's salary instead of this being done by a vote of the people; councilmen would also get more pay; it would weaken the present requirement that wages of city employees and employees of contractors doing city work be based on prevailing area scales; current leave and vacation rights of some city employees would be taken away and other benefits threatened, and the mayor and council would be given more political power. Vote NO on Proposition 1 May 18!

Last week Brother Henry Richey and Dave Jeffery met with the medical director, Dr. Kenneth Nelson, and personnel director, William Meeks, and reached an accord on negotiation procedures to be followed at Highland and Fairmount hospitals.

Assistant Research Director Bill Healy and Dave Jeffery appeared before the Alameda County Board of Supervisors to present Local 390's salary requests. It will probably be several weeks before they vote upon the salaries.

At the Hayward Schools Chapter meeting, during a discussion of Workmen's Compensation, it developed that members of our union were currently laid up due to illnesses caused by their jobs but they had not as yet applied for Workmen's Compensation. Once again, we urge all members to contact the Union Office whenever you are laid off from work due to an injury or an illness that could possibly be traced to the job.

Local 390 is currently negotiating with the Recreation Department of the City of Oakland for a satisfactory on-the-job training program and for city-wide changes in promotional examination procedures that will give many more employees an opportunity for advancement.

Organizer Dave James reports that the kinds of work included in the semi-skilled laborer classification will be gone over at the City of Oakland Chapter meeting, Wednesday, May 19. We are pushing for a substantial wage increase for this classification, but we have to make our

own survey of all of the work performed in this job so as to prove that an entirely new job classification must be made by the Civil Service Commission. In the past, the semi-skilled laborers have been classified along with the laborers and paid in comparison with laborers rather than semi-skilled in other cities and counties.

If we can prove that this reclassification must be made, the Civil Service Commission will have no choice but to raise the salaries of semi-skilled laborers in accordance with what they are paid elsewhere. The only way this can be done, though, is for the brothers to turn out at the City of Oakland Chapter meeting and let us know all the kinds of work they perform.

Norman Amundson of the Central Labor Council has agreed to speak at the City Chapter meeting on the subject of picketing and what public employees can do in such union activities. This ought to be really worth hearing.

Some time in the near future, we hope to schedule our union attorney, Victor Van Bourg, to speak to the Oakland City Chapter on Workmen's Compensation, a subject he can give the brothers more information on than just about anybody in this area.

This calls for a reminder that any brother with any injury on the job should report it to the organizer right away. It appears there are a lot of unreported injuries around that could make substantial Workmen's Compensation cases.

Freeway 'revolt' topic for panel at Oakland Town Meeting Monday

"The Freeway Planning Revolt" will be the topic for a panel of experts at the Oakland Town Meeting at 8 p.m. Monday in the West Auditorium of the Oakland Public Library.

The panel is scheduled to include: Assemblyman Edwin L. Z'berg (D-Sacramento), Oakland City Engineer James E. McCarty; Richard Zettel, study director, Bay Area Transportation Study Commission; William D. Evers, president, Planning and Conservation League for Legislative Action; Rai Okamoto, architect and planning consultant, and William J. Hayes, attorney. The event is free to the public.

CLC backs Community Treatment Center plan

Central Labor Council delegates have voted to ask the Board of Supervisors to establish the proposed Community Treatment Center to rehabilitate young juvenile offenders.

Delegates adopted an Executive Committee recommendation following a request by George Read, business representative for Retail Clerks 870.

Read is a member of the Alameda County Committee for the Prevention of Juvenile Delinquency, which supports the project.

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State AFLCIO chiefs urge drive to create jobs

The California Labor Federation's Executive Council has asked Governor Edmund G. (Pat) Brown and the State Legislature "to act forcibly and decisively" on a nine point program to curb mounting unemployment.

At its quarterly meeting in Sacramento, the 36 member council said although much of the initiative must come from the federal government, the state "can do more" than it has.

Its program includes:

- A speedup in highway construction.

- An increase in flood control and water resources development to avoid repetition of destruction caused by December, 1964, floods.

- Extension of unemployment insurance from 26 to 39 weeks and increase in the taxable wage base from \$3,800 to \$7,500 to assure adequate benefits and help maintain purchasing power.

- Development of more recreational facilities.

- Expanded housing construction.

- State long term, low interest loans to supplement federal housing programs.

- "Aggressive" action to keep California's "historical share" of defense and aerospace contracts.

An overhaul of state taxes to relieve families in lower income brackets and increase their purchasing power.

- Creation of a commission, including labor, management and government, to review state plans and set targets for future economic growth.

State action is needed, the Executive Council declared, because California unemployment was 5.7 per cent in March, latest month for which figures are available, compared with a nationwide rate of 4.7 per cent.

One out of eight jobless Americans was in California, the council said.

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Tellers officially declare Abel beat McDonald in USW

Election tellers for the United Steelworkers have reported that I. W. Abel, secretary-treasurer of the union since 1952, defeated incumbent David J. McDonald for the presidency.

The tellers said the report was based on "results tabulated and certified by the Honest Ballot Association under our supervision."

It showed Abel got 308,910 votes; McDonald, 298,768.

Also declared elected Walter J. Burke for secretary-treasurer, with 313,229 votes, to 266,381 for Al Whitehouse, and Joseph P. Moloney over incumbent Vice President Howard Hague by a vote of 300,414 to 278,786.

Local 1798

Ray Maldonado, president of Steelworkers 1798, Oakland, said charges of irregularities in the case of his local were based on the claim that written notices of the election were sent out 14, instead of 15 days ahead of time.

Official election results had been held up while the tellers conducted hearings on protested local union voting.

The three tellers reported that votes cast in nine local unions were not tabulated because of technical violations of election rules.

Two locals reported more votes cast than members in good standing and were held in violation of the USW constitution.

The votes of four local unions were invalidated after the tellers upheld charges of irregularities. They were Locals 1374, 2610, 6343 and 1798.

McDonald said the tellers' report is "the first not the last word" under the USW election system. He said he would appeal to the International Executive Board to "order recounts . . . and conduct its own investigation as to whether there were any irregularities" in other locals.—AFLCIO News.

Insurance Workers hit CLC pension policy purchase

A protest against purchase of the Central Labor Council's pension policy for its staff from the Occidental Life Insurance Co. was made at last week's meeting by Leo Bergeron, delegate from Insurance Workers 30.

Bergeron said the firm employs only non-union agents. He charged his union feels the Central Labor Council constitution was violated.

Since Local 30 is affiliated with the Labor Council, Bergeron added it is placed in the position of supporting a company which does not hire union agents.

Bergeron said he felt the Central Labor Council should have dealt with one of 100 union agents who belong to Local 30.

His motion that the protest be referred to the Council's Executive Committee, with the instruction that it report back within 30 days, passed without dissent.

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3600 Boys will Graduate High School This Year In Alameda and Contra Costa Counties with No College Plans.

Yet 500 Mill Cabinet Apprentice Jobs, Along with Millions of Our Tax Dollars, Are Being Peddled Outside of California by School Boards and College Trustees. Help Stop this Stupidity!

Passage of AB 3337 or AB 1971 by the State Legislature would require school boards to give preference to the California Cabinet Industry.

About 500 Mill Cabinet apprentice jobs would be available right now if School Boards in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties were NOT buying cabinets and millwork for new schools outside of California.

Instead, 3600 June graduates who don't go to college face a cold, hard world with a shrinking job market, and 500,000 unemployed in California. Unemployment among young people is abnormally high now!

The Ugly Economic Facts

There are 500,000 unemployed in California today. California has one of the highest rates of unemployment in the nation!

High School graduates, without job experience, face a hard, cruel world. The School Boards and College Trustees are not helping to improve anything with their stupid policies.

Imagine! California will build over 200 schools every year to meet population demands. \$535 million of our tax money. They export our jobs and then California loses the wages, the taxes from those wages, the manufacturing taxes from the products, etc.

School Board policies rob you and your neighbors of jobs, increase unemployment and poverty here, and rob the State of a valuable industry. We ask your support in fighting their stupid policies.

To add insult to injury, the high class School Boards patronize low wage, low tax poverty areas outside California where racial segregation is the basis of the poverty.

Here Is The Dirty Deal

School Board members and College Trustees award the contracts for building. All subcontractors, including cabinets, fixtures, chalkboard, and millwork are listed and they know when jobs go out-of-state.

\$535 million of our taxes each year go to build schools and colleges in California. About 10 percent of this amount goes for cabinets, chalkboard and millwork. We estimate 5000 full time jobs for millmen and cabinet

makers are involved statewide. East Bay shops would employ at least 500 millmen and cabinet makers if the work didn't go out-of-state. Those employed would be apprentices.

East Bay shops that once employed 50 to 150 millmen and cabinet makers are now either out of business, converted to residential cabinets, or cut down to 5 or 10 employees.

At least 14 mills and shops from Hayward to Richmond are still available for school work, with skilled journeymen willing to help train apprentices.

Ask State Legislature to Act!

Action by the State Legislature before it adjourns can stop the stupidity of the school boards and college trustees! Urge them to support the following bills.

AB 3337 provides for a mandatory 15 percent preference for California mill cabinet manufacturers in bidding on State jobs (schools).

AB 1644 provides for a mandatory 15 percent preference in bidding for California cabinet shops and prohibits discrimination in writing specifications. It also provides a mandatory 5 percent preference for all other California manufactured products purchased by the State or its agencies and repeal of the Buy American Act.

AB 1971 provides that all bidders on mill cabinet jobs for the State or its agencies (like schools) pay the California average wage scale for the work. Then the poverty exploiters outside of California will have to pay decent wages or stay out.

Students! Parents! Act Now!

Assembly Bills 3337 (Meyers), 1644 (Crown), and 1971 (Meyers) would save the mill cabinet industry in California. We urge you to write your Assemblyman and Senator to demand that they work for passage of these bills.

The Legislature adjourns in mid-June. They won't meet again for two years. Now is the time to act!

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Assemblyman Robert W. Crown of Alameda is the author of AB 1644.

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Steel Machinists 1304

By DAVE ARCA

Hi. Seems logical to assume those court rulings unveiling bosoms to the public will create more civic and social problems than meets the eye. If justice is blind, the public is not, nor are our children.

To judicially confine sin to the lower half of the human anatomy is to ignore the stimulation that stems from the head.

No amount of covering will eliminate sin. But alcohol and nudity can only induce ignoble impulses. This in itself may not corrupt married couples, but what of unmarried couples? What about high school grads out on a spree after a prom?

If the judges are sincere in their efforts to preserve freedom, how will they rule when bare bosoms produce problems in preserving a hands-off policy? What if a patron puts up his hand in self-defense?

Then, too, how about the gimmick for gouging the gullible—

that well-abused cover charge? Can this be justified where the covering is removed? Or will tips from lecherous luses be regulated by the size of the bosom?

We don't have answers. Only questions at the moment. These questions require research to resolve, and prudence prohibits personal perusal of the problems.

One last observation. Judges Friedman and Lazarus now qualify for charter membership in the MGU. That's mammary glands uncovered. Okay? Okay.

Catholic Interracial Council to hear Fike

Tom Fike, Berkeley attorney, will describe his experiences in the Mississippi voter registration project before a public meeting of the Berkeley Chapter of the Catholic Interracial Council at 2 p.m. May 16 at Newman Hall, 2630 Ridge Rd., Berkeley.

Eugene Drew, head of Alameda County Congress of Racial Equality, is also scheduled to speak.

Barbers 134

By JOHN A. MONTE JR.

Nomination and election of delegates for the 57th Annual State Association Convention will be the order at our May 27 meeting.

Any member wishing to be nominated must have five (5) union labels on his person at time of nomination. The convention will be held in San Diego on July 25, 26 and 27. There will be two (2) delegates to be elected for this convention.

Also at this same meeting we are informed that we have one (1) delegate to be nominated and elected to the Central Labor Council.

We now have our picket lines established and we will soon be mass picketing—this as soon as we can get the cards sent out. Several union people have been caught crossing our lines, and they have been dealt with by their union. One shop with a picket line has already had to let one man go. Our pickets re-

port that many people turn they see us picketing.

around and walk away when In less than one-half hour last Saturday, on 42nd Ave. and Foothill, three (3) people, two of whom inquired if we were picketing the barber shop, refrained from going into the shop in question. This is just small proof that the picket line is effective, and that it is imperative to have a picket line to stop some people. In other words, picketing is effective!

Airport barber shop

The Terminal Oakland Airport Barber Shop at the Metropolitan Oakland International Airport has now signed an agreement with Barbers and Beauticians 134 and is 100 per cent union, according to Jack M. Reed, secretary-treasurer of the union.

14-b

Section 14-b of the Taft-Hartley Law allows states to outlaw the union shop, although federal law does not.

Retail Clerks Union 870

By ALVIN KIDDER

We are happy to report that Oliver Corner Drugs, located at Tennyson and Hesperian in Hayward, has signed the standard drug contract. The signing of the agreement followed economic action of ten days' duration.

An agreement has been reached with Super King, A St. and Hesperian in Hayward. The industry food and drug agreements have been adopted, and members employed in the general merchandise section of the store were to meet Wednesday of this week to ratify their contract.

We are presently in negotiations with Kushin's, Bressman's, Anita Shops and variety stores. Members employed at A.C. were to meet this week to open their agreement.

Watchmakers Local 101

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

When you read this column, President Glasser and I will be attending the International Jewelry Workers' Convention, as I reported to you last week. The decisions of this convention will be quite important to our local because they will chart the course our local union takes in the future. President Glasser and I will make a report of the convention at the San Francisco meeting on Thursday, May 20.

Additional donations are being received for our Educational Fund from non-union watchmakers who reside out of the area. We are more than pleased with the amount of the donations up to this time, but we feel we should wait until the end of the school year before giving any total of the donations.

Fred Tuttas, who has operated a union trade shop at 830 Market St., San Francisco, since the formation of this union, retired and is now living in Morro Bay. The last information we had was that Ed Levy, 830 Market St., San Francisco was selling Brother Tuttas' bench, bench light and tools, etc., all in one group. If you are interested, contact him.

MEETING NOTICE

Executive Board meeting, Thursday, May 20, 1965, at 7 p.m. in the Union Office. Regular San Francisco, East Bay, Oakland meeting, Thursday, May 20, 1965, at 7:30 p.m., Union Assembly Hall, Aoom 708, 693 Mission St., San Francisco.

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OFFICIAL UNION NOTICES

UNITED STEELWORKERS 1798

Executive Board meeting Thursday, May 13, 1965, 8 p.m., Local Union Office, 3315 E. 14th St., Oakland, Calif. Board of Trustees 7 p.m., at Local Union Office.

Regular membership meeting, Friday, May 28, 1965, 8 p.m., Eagles Hall, 1228 36th Ave., Oakland, Calif.

Fraternally,
EDWARD M. SOTO,
Rec. Secty.

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STEEL MACHINISTS 1304

Regular meeting Thursday, May 20, at 8 p.m. Executive Board meets 6:30 p.m.

Fraternally,
DAVE ARCA,
Secty.

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U.C. EMPLOYEES 371

Time: Saturday, June 12, 1965, 2 p.m. Executive Board 1 p.m.
Place: YMCA, 921 Kains Ave., Albany, Calif.

On Saturday, May 1, 1965, some of our members tried their prowess in a horseshoe pitching contest. Participants were Brothers W. G. Whitcombe, Corlis Nettleton, M. M. Mapp, who sponsored the contest; N. F. Dickerson, H. Murphy Jr., J. J. Santoro and others. A good time was had by all (outside of a little stiffness and soreness afterwards), and we would like others who might be interested to join us some Saturday morning about 10.

The location is 2220 Bancroft Way, by the office where we check in and out.

Fraternally,
W. G. WHITCOMBE,
Secty.-Treas.

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LINOLEUM LAYERS 1290

The next regular meeting of Carpet, Linoleum and Soft Tile Layers 1290 will be held on Wednesday, May 19, at 8 p.m. in Hall, Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland. (Please note change of regular meeting date.)

There will be nomination of officers. Please attend.
Any member not receiving his copy of the Painter and Decorator, please notify the Local 1290 office.

Fraternally,
GLENN A. MCINTIRE,
Rec. Secty.

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AUTO AND SHIP PAINTERS 1176

The next regular meeting will be held at 8 p.m. May 18 in Hall D of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland.

In compliance with Article IX of the Local Union Bylaws, please be advised that nominations for all officers and business representatives shall be held on May 18, elections to be held June 15.

Fraternally,
LESLIE K. MOORE
Bus. Rep.

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BARBERS 134

Regular monthly meeting will be held this month on Thursday, May 27, at 8 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 23rd and Valdez streets, Oakland. Second reading of a petition setting a minimum price on razor cuts will be read. Report on organizing activities will be given. Please attend!

The \$2,000 voluntary life insurance is now open to our members during the months of May and June only. Write to Crown Life Insurance Co., c/o Modern Insurance Service, Box 995, Newark, N.J., for full information.

Nominations will be order for Delegates to the 57th annual State Association convention, to be held in San Diego on July 25, 26 and 27.

Fraternally,
ANTHONY P. FISHER
President
JACK M. REED,
Secty.-Treas.

CO. SCHOOL EMPLOYEES 257

The next regular meeting will be Saturday, June 12, 1965, in Jackson Hall of the Electrical Workers Building, 1918 Grove St., Oakland.

The Executive Board will meet at 9:30 a.m.

SPECIAL NOTICE

The Retirement Dinner has been cancelled for Saturday, May 22, 1965. All reservations up to this date will be returned to the senders.

Fraternally,
HAROLD BENNER,
Secty.

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PLUMBERS 444

Please be advised that by order of the President and the Negotiating Committee, there will be a special called meeting of Plumbers and Gas Fitters Local 444 on Friday, May 14, 1965, at 8 p.m. in Hall M on the third floor of the Labor Temple Building, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, Calif., for the purpose of discussing the forthcoming negotiations on the Plumbers' Agreement.

Fraternally,
GEORGE A. HESS
Bus. Mgr. &
Secty.-Treas.

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E.B. MUNI EMPLOYEES 390

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Thursday, May 13, 7:30 p.m., Room 222, Labor Temple.

CITY OF EL CERRITO (C)

Monday, May 17, 4:30 p.m. Corporation Yard.

CITY OF OAKLAND (F)

Wednesday, May 19, 8 p.m., Labor Temple, Room 220.

HIGHLAND HOSPITAL (GH)

Wednesday, May 26, 8 p.m., Labor Temple, Room 220.

FAIRMONT HOSPITAL (GF)

Thursday, May 27, 7 p.m., Day Room.

Fraternally,
DAVE JEFFERY
Exec. Secty.

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S.F.-OAKLAND MAILERS 18

The next regular meeting of San Francisco-Oakland Mailers' Union, No. 18, will be held at the 410 11th Street Building, Oakland, Calif., on Sunday afternoon, May 16, 1965, at 1 o'clock.

Fraternally,
K. D. JONES,
Secty.

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BERKELEY PAINTERS 40

The meeting of May 28, 1965, will be a special call for nomination of officers, delegates and business representative.

Our Spring Dinner Dance will be held Saturday, May 22, 1965 at Eagles Hall, Carlson Boulevard at Central, El Cerrito, Calif.

Each member may purchase two tickets at \$1 each. For members desiring more than two tickets, you may purchase guest tickets at \$3 each. Buy your tickets at Local Union 40 office or order by mail.

Come out for an evening of fun, but hurry. Only 200 tickets available. Order yours today!

Fraternally,
GENE SLATER
Bus. Rep.

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BERKELEY CARPENTERS 1158

Regular meetings are held the first and third Thursdays of each month at Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut St., Berkeley.

Members desiring to change their health coverage from Blue Cross to Kaiser Plan, or vice versa, must be in the Health and Welfare Office by May 15, 1965, in order to become effective June 1, 1965.

Fraternally,
NICK J. AFDAMO,
Rec. Secty.

HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

The office of the financial secretary remains open each Friday evening until 8 p.m. for the convenience of the members desiring to pay their dues.

Stewards meetings are held the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Our regular meetings are held every Friday evening at 8 p.m.

An educational movie on the carpentry industry is shown the last Friday of each month, with our social event following.

Members desiring to change their health coverage from the Blue Cross to the Kaiser Plan, or vice versa, must be in the Health and Welfare Office by May 15, 1965, in order to become effective June 1, 1965.

Nominations for all officers and business representatives of Carpenters Local Union No. 1622 will take place at the meeting of Friday, May 14, 1965. The election for the above mentioned officers will take place Saturday, June 19, 1965.

Fraternally,
A. W. RICE
Rec. Secty.

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PAINT MAKERS 1101

Nominations were held at the regular meeting April 20 for two delegates to the Western Joint Council of Paint and Brush Makers Conference to be held in Portland in June. Brothers Bill Bringham, Carl Lawler, Bill Boardman, Daniel Murphy and Peter Ambrunn were nominated.

The election of these delegates will be held May 18.

Also on the agenda for the May meeting will be nominations for one trustee for a three (3) year term.

The nominations for secretary-treasurer of District Council of Painters No. 16 will be held at the May 18 meeting.

This will be an important meeting to all of us, as we will be selecting brother members to represent us. Come down and give your choice your support.

The polls will be open for voting from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. May 18, 1965, in the Union Office, Room 104. Regular meeting 8 p.m. May 18, 1965, Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, Hall C.

Fraternally,
WILLIAM BOARDMAN
Rec. Secty.

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ALAMEDA CARPENTERS 194

Meetings are held on the first and third Mondays of each month at 8 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Building, Walnut and Central, Alameda. Refreshments are served on the first meeting of the month.

Fraternally,
WILLIAM (Bill) LEWIS
Rec. Secty.

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UNITED STEELWORKERS 4468

Regular meeting held second Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. at Eagles Hall, 1228 36th Ave., Oakland.

Fraternally,
FRANK V. MCINTOSH
Rec. Secty.

PAINTERS 127

Our regular meetings are the second and fourth Thursdays of the month.

Negotiations are now underway for our new contract. So why not attend the next meeting and find out what progress is being made.

The next meeting of our local, which is May 13, is a special called meeting to nominate for the office of secretary of District Council 16.

Bob York, financial secretary, says we have lost two members in the past month. E. N. Hutchison and E. P. Wicker. The union extends its deepest sympathy to their families.

Sid Olsen is in Merritt Hospital, Room 263, with a broken heel.

William (Tiny) Breakfield needs seven units of blood following an operation. If you can donate blood for Tiny, contact Bob York.

Fraternally,
J. L. (Jim) BROWN
Rec. Secty.

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MARINE CARPENTERS 1149

Membership in the local's blood bank for calendar year 1965 will be open until May 15, 1965. It will then be closed for the balance of the year. We still need donors, who will receive two months' dues for each unit of blood given.

Fraternally,
STAN LORE
Pres. and Mgr.

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HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178

The May 21 meeting we will nominate candidates for local union offices; president, vice-president, treasurer, financial secretary, recording secretary, warden, conductor, Executive Board, one trustee and business representative.

Fraternally,
R. H. FITZGERALD
Rec. Secty.

AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546

The regular meetings of Lodge 1546 are held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at the hour of 8 p.m. at our building at 10260 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland.

Fraternally,
DON CROSSMAN
Recording Secretary

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RUBBER WORKERS 64

Meets second Saturday of each month at 6 p.m. at Auto Workers Hall, 1408 Seminary Ave., Oakland.

Fraternally,
LES FLOWRIGHT
President

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CARPENTERS 1473

Local 1473 meets on the first and third Fridays of each month at Eagle Hall, 1228 36th Ave., Oakland, at 8 p.m.

Fraternally,
J. W. KIRKMAN
Rec. Secty.

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CLERKS, LUMBER HANDLERS 939

Due to the coming holiday weekend, the Executive Board and regular meeting will be held May 21, 1965, at the same time.

Fraternally,
MEL TOMPKINS,
Secty.-Treas.

Strike sanction OK'd

The Central Labor Council authorized strike sanction for Metal Polishers 128 against the California Metal Trades Association after the union said it sought the same settlement won by the Machinists from the CMTA in the Bay Area.

BE SURE TO VOTE TUESDAY!

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Vote No On Charter! Proposition Number One!

Your fellow Unionists, members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, employed by the City of Oakland, urge your No vote of Proposition No. 1 in the Oakland Municipal Elections on May 18th.

Proposition No. 1 presents the question: "Shall the proposal to adopt a new Charter of the City of Oakland be ratified?" We contend that what is really being submitted is essentially a revision of the old Charter and should be opposed not only for what is done but what is not done.

Among other things Proposition No. 1 Does

1. Take away current leave and vacation rights of employees in some Electric Department Classifications and makes it possible for all Electric Department employees to lose these benefits by a simple action of the City Council.
2. Take away the people's right to set the Mayor's salary and permits the City Council by a simple majority to set the salary without restriction.
3. Eliminate the current limitations on construction work to be performed by city employees and permits the City Council to set such limitation by ordinance. The City Council by adopting an ordinance could in fact eliminate the contracting out of any job.

Proposition No. 1 Does Not

1. Update the prevailing rate principal to include fringe benefits on work let to contract by the City of Oakland.
2. Correct the situation wherein School Board Directors are elected at large, which leads to an improperly balanced School Board. Present Board has five members from the hill area with only two members representing the remainder of the City. (Councilmen are elected from Districts, why not School Board Directors?)

**ON MAY 18, 1965
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By CLYDE JOHNSON

Time is running out on our legislative drive. Unfortunately, contract negotiations take a lot of time. We will be very busy and we will need your cooperation.

There is an ad on our legislation in this issue of the Labor Journal. Please read it. Also, please either write or visit your assemblyman right away and urge him to work for our legislation.

This is most likely our last shot at legislation to save the school cabinet industry. If we have to wait two more years for another session of the Legislature, the industry may be dead . . . and it may drag other sections of the industry down with it.

If legislators are at all concerned with unemployment, they should pass A.B. 1971.

Negro registration

Only 6.7 per cent of eligible Negroes in Mississippi were registered to vote in 1964.

Painters Local No. 127

By SAM CAPONIO

The first legal contract between Painters and the contractors was consummated in the middle thirties.

Prior to that time, unions were subject to the Sherman Anti-Trust Act. Unions existed through the sheer force and vitality of their members. Just ask an old-timer what conditions were at that time. What is the point of all this? to show that the employers did nothing to better wages or conditions for the painter until those painters were organized and forced the employers to sign a contract.

Did all this come easily? Many heads were split, and many painters and their families went hungry to get that contract. (There were no unemployment benefits, disability or compensation in those days and very little county welfare).

The wages and conditions you enjoy today are the result of the guts of those painters. Yet we have union members who think their employer is their salvation and have catered to the employer's every whim.

All employers are primarily

concerned with production and profits. His only concern for his Painters is: how much and how long can this Painter make money for me? When the Painter is young and full of energy, he can and does make money for his boss. But when the Painter gets older, the same employer wants the same amount of work. How many of these employers could do the work they ask the Painters to do? Because of the employer's cutthroat tactics to get work, he has to drive his men to cover his mistakes.

We are not concerned with the employer's mistakes, tactics and relationships with other employers. We are concerned with wages and working conditions. They bear a direct relationship to how the Painter raises his family, the food, shelter and education of his children, and how much he has left over to enjoy the few luxuries life has to offer. But you have heard the Painter never had it so good!

Since 1957

The congressional fight for hospital insurance for the aged under social security began in 1957 with the Forand Bill.

VOTE TUESDAY!

Steamfitters Local 342

By JIM MARTIN

The delegates to the 45th convention of the California Pipe Trades Council, held recently, will submit their reports to the membership at our next meeting, to be held May 13, which has been designated as a special called meeting. This was one of the largest attended conventions for some years, attended by the delegates and representation of general officers of the United Association general staff.

Twenty-three resolutions were submitted and will be reported on by your delegates. Local Union No. 545 of Santa Monica hosted this convention.

The writer was re-elected secretary-treasurer of the council.

Our union's delegate to the National Building and Construction Trades Conference, Business Representative Bill Weber Sr., wishes to advise that the conference, held this past week, was attended by some 2,500 delegates and highlighted by the personal appearance of President Johnson and Vice-President Humphrey, and that he will submit his report and recommendations to our membership in the near future.

Members in attendance at our last meeting voted to endorse the school tax increase, which will be voted upon at Oakland's city election, to be held Tuesday, May 18, 1965.

Sheet Metal Credit Union

By BERT TONZI

This is the time of year when we become a little tired of it all. The winter sports are over and the end of school is only six weeks away.

Vaaction!! This is the thought that is uppermost in our minds. Where shall we go? What can we afford? This struggle often keeps us from doing what we want most. If a little extra will help this year, try the credit union way. Borrow enough to make sure you can go where you want and have enough to pay the current bills that keep mounting up while you are having fun.

The repayment is easy, and if you pay five dollars, or one share's worth, each week, you will end up with a good shareholding. Give it a try this year!

To join your credit union, just call 653-0996, or write P.O. Box 2833, Rockridge Station, Oakland 94618, and all information will be sent to you by return mail. Bill Mansell is at the Union Office on Tuesday nights from 8 to 9:15 to help with your problems. Give yourself a break and join soon as you can. Do it now.

New CLC delegates

Ted Ahl, Printing Specialties 382, and John J. King, California Department of Industrial Relations Employees 1031, were seated as new delegates to the Central Labor Council.

Look for the union shop card, ask for a union clerk to serve you, and demand the union label!

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Eyewitness report from Murphy 'tour'

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sign posted, warning all to "Keep Out — Poisonous Agriculture Insecticide."

Senator Murphy was waved in, found a rotting berry and threw it away for the benefit of cameramen. He launched into an attack on Secretary Wirtz and Undersecretary Henning and promised to go direct to President Johnson to expedite the importation of Mexican labor.

OK ELSEWHERE

In a later conversation with Les Grube, coordinator of recruitment of much of the local labor which is filling the "brace-ro gap," we learned these facts:

The second and third largest strawberry growers are having no trouble getting their crops harvested.

Salinas Strawberries has until yesterday (May 7) refused to hire local labor at the going wage. Then the crews found field toilets one-third mile apart, the same one for men and women, and one drinking cup at each water jug. Also, only one checker per 85 workers was furnished, which slowed up production and earnings.

Our conclusion is that honest wages and decent working conditions, with the protection of a written contract, will attract enough local labor into California's fields to harvest the crops, all \$3½ billion worth.

Bundy, Kahin to debate U.S. policy on Vietnam

McGeorge Bundy, special assistant to President Johnson, and George Kahin, director of Asian Studies at Cornell University, will head a group of experts debating U.S. Vietnam policy, pro and con, in a nationwide broadcast Saturday.

The debate will be heard over Bay Area FM radio station KPFA at 10:30 a.m. It will also be piped into the Pauley Ballroom at the University of California and the San Francisco State College Gymnasium, where local speakers and audience participation debates will follow.

The meetings are sponsored by the Inter-Universities Committee for a Public Hearing on Vietnam. They are open to the public.

CLC discussion on politics, COPE, legislative action

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lican Party in the State Legislature was trying to woo labor votes to gather support for U.S. Senator Thomas H. Kuchel (R-Calif.) in a race for governor in 1966.

Walters said the real issue is reapportionment. He added that state senators will block other important legislation until they were sure assemblymen will pass State Senator George Miller Jr.'s Senate Bill 6 on this issue.

Executive Assistant Secretary Richard K. Groulx said unionists can show their determination to do something about the political situation by reporting to the Labor Temple parking lot at 1 p.m. this Saturday to help distribute political leaflets on the Oakland election.

Walters pledged a group of Local 1245 members would show up because members of that union employed by the City of Oakland face loss of vacation and leave rights if Proposition 1 passes.

Walters added that other important reasons all citizens should oppose Prop. 1 include weakening of prevailing wage protection, giving the City Council the power to set the mayor's salary and general weakening of the council-manager form of government.

Hospital Workers 250 wins strike in Oakland

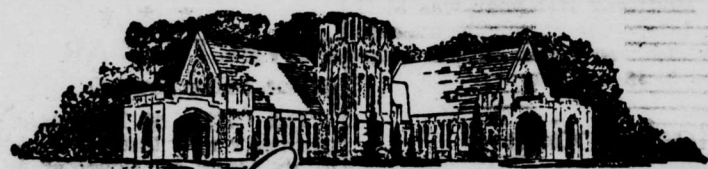
Hospital and Institutional Workers 250 has won its 10 day strike against the Clinton Park Convalescent Hospital, 1030 E. 14th St., Oakland, according to Tim Twomey, secretary-treasurer.

The new owners have signed a union agreement and have given the Local 250 members they fired the right to be rehired.

Local 250 enjoyed contractual relations with the previous owner, F. P. Lathrop, a building contractor. But the new operators phoned employees April 9 and told them they were fired.

CLC guest

Sayuti Hasibuan, a student at the University of California from Indonesia, was a guest at Monday night's Central Labor Council meeting.



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\$839.46 in the "Court Money" Trust Fund, which fund consists of unclaimed money in open accounts;

\$748.47 in the "Adult Probation" Trust Fund, which fund consists of unclaimed money in open accounts;

\$367.32 in the "Marshal, Oakland-Piedmont Municipal Court" Trust Fund, which fund consists of unclaimed money in open accounts;

\$17.86 in the "Marshal, San Leandro Municipal Court" Trust Fund, which fund consists of unclaimed money in open accounts;

\$704.22 in the "Sheriff's Civil" Trust Fund, which fund consists of unclaimed money in open accounts.

Notice is hereby further given that unless some person or persons shall file in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Alameda, a verified complaint seeking to recover said money or a designated portion thereof, and serve a copy of said complaint, together with summons issued thereon upon me, Edwin Meese, Jr., the Treasurer of said County of Alameda, before said designated date of the 28th day of June, 1965, said money shall upon said date hereby designated in this notice be the property of the County of Alameda.

EDWIN MEESE, JR.

County Treasurer of the County of Alameda, State of California

Dated: April 28, 1965.

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Elect Rose, Mrs. Price to Board of Education

Seymour M. Rose and Electra Kimble Price have been endorsed for two School Director posts on the Oakland Board of Education by the Alameda County AFLCIO Council on Political Education.

Labor's political endorsing arm recognized that schools in virtually every large American city are faced with mounting problems.

Among these are:

- The need to update vocational training to meet today's job needs in an era of growing automation and unemployment.
- A swelling school dropout rate at a time when more—not less—education is the answer to this job crisis, which is intensified by the existence of racial barriers.
- A gap between the quality of education offered disadvantaged youngsters in slum and semi-slum areas and that available in the suburbs and "nice" neighborhoods of the cities.
- The problem of de facto segregation, which is related to all these, and which has been unjustly distorted by opponents of equal educational opportunity into an argument over "bussing" pupils—which really hasn't even been considered here in Oakland.

As in other cities, there have been reports documenting the failures. But in Oakland, the Board of Education has done as little as possible on most of these crucial issues.

Now is the time to show our Board of Education that we, the voters, want something constructive done about giving top quality education to all of Oakland's youngsters. This is a major key to Oakland's complicated social and economic problems, which will become worse unless long-range steps are taken. Now is the time for a change on the Oakland Board of Education.

Vote for Rose for School Director No. 2 and Mrs. Price for School Director No. 4. Both are well-qualified candidates who stand for progress.

Rose, an attorney and University of California lecturer, knows Oakland's school problems as a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee on School Needs. He knows civic problems as a former vice-chairman of the Housing Authority and former member of the Planning Commission.

Mrs. Price, a children's program director for the last 12 years, has made it her personal project to attend Board of Education meetings for the last two years. She knows what the issues are. She, too, has a long record of experience in community activities.

The opponents of both Rose and Mrs. Price are committed to the stand-pat policies of the present Board of Education.

All union members and their families and friends in Oakland are strongly urged to elect Seymour M. Rose and Electra Kimble Price in next Tuesday's General Municipal Election.

Let's give our kids a break!

Propositions 1, 2

Although labor's COPE does not take a position on ballot measures, both the Central Labor Council and Building Trades Council have unanimously opposed Proposition 1 on the Oakland ballot.

Proposition 1 offers voters a new City Charter. But, as we pointed out last week, it is really a take-it-or-leave-it package sellout of many of the protections in the present charter.

Proposition 1 would put the semi-independent Port of Oakland more closely under the political thumb of City Hall. It would weaken prevailing wage protections of city employees. Current leave and vacation rights of some city employees would be taken away and others jeopardized. The City Council would get a blank check to raise the mayor's salary to any figure, even though voters rejected a mayoral pay increase just two years ago. And the well-proved city manager form of government, with its checks and balances, would be undermined by giving the mayor more power as well as pay. We might well have two \$25,000-\$30,000 a year officials battling it out in a political slugfest, to Oakland's detriment.

Proposition 2 would increase the maximum tax rate for Oakland schools from the present \$2.77 to \$3.76 per \$100 assessed valuation.

The Central Labor Council has voted to oppose the tax increase on the basis that the present school board has not come up with an adequate program to meet Oakland's school problems (see above).

The Building Trades Council Executive Board has voted to endorse the school tax increase on the basis that withholding needed tax support is not the proper way to solve school deficiencies.



U.S. OFFICIAL VIEWS STRAWBERRY HARVEST

U.S. Labor Department News Release

Glenn E. Brockway, regional administrator of the U.S. Labor Department's Bureau of Employment Security, announced these facts about the strawberry harvest situation in Monterey County:

Strawberry growers have not planned or undertaken all-out programs to recruit American farm workers. Heavy users of Mexican braceros in past years, and fully aware that Congress did not renew the bracero program at the end of 1964 more than four months ago, strawberry growers in Monterey County have persisted in their claim that their operations are uniquely based on bracero labor.

Growers can no longer rely exclusively on their associations or on the California Department of Employment to recruit workers. They must initiate or intensify independent recruiting operations, in and out of California, to augment what others are doing to help them.

They have not made consistent efforts to recruit workers available in some other states. Nor have they fully utilized the special federal-state recruitment teams who during the April 26-30 period offered 20 scheduling opportunities with only five used.

Supplemental Japanese, Filipino and Mexican farm labor has been authorized on a limited basis by Secretary of Labor W. Willard Wirtz to help harvest strawberries in Monterey County. The authorization came last

week following recommendations by an impartial farm labor panel that held public hearings in Stockton and Salinas to get the facts.

May 7 the Labor Department has scheduled a hearing in Santa Maria on a request for 100 braceros by the Santa Maria Valley Growers Association for work in strawberry harvest. On May 11 and 12 hearings at Stockton and Salinas will be continued.

Heavy labor turnover in Monterey strawberry work has been ascribed to virtually everything except the grower's failure to provide decent housing, wages, supervision and working conditions for his workers.

Salinas Strawberries, with 2,000 of the county's 3,600 acres of strawberries, has long been urged by the Labor Department to pay workers on an incentive, piece-rate basis. Not until last Saturday did the grower convert from hourly to piece-rates, which generally attract more workers for better pay. Salinas Strawberries is now paying 75 cents a crate picked. Some other growers in the area are paying \$1.40 an hour plus 15 cents a crate picked.

The average wage for braceros in Monterey last year was \$1.12 an hour—the statewide average for bracero labor in all crops was \$1.35 an hour.

Stock option

What stock option plans mean to corporate "top brass" was spotlighted anew when newspapers disclosed that John T. Connor, selected by President Johnson as his new Secretary of Commerce, had netted a huge gain by exercising his final option in Merck & Co., the drug concern of which he was president.

A report filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission disclosed that Connor bought 13,032 shares of Merck stock on Dec. 23 for a total price of \$138,000. Had he purchased those shares on the open market at the price quoted on the New York Stock Exchange a day earlier he would have had to pay about \$611,000.

However, under option granted him over eight years ago, Connor was able to buy the shares at \$8.91 to \$12.75 a share, compared to the market price of \$47. He exercised the option a week after Johnson announced his intention to appoint Connor as Commerce Department chief.

Moreover, this brought his total holdings of Merck stock to a current market value of \$1.5 million.—Labor.

AFLCIO's job push

The AFLCIO is setting up a \$50 million trust to buy federally guaranteed mortgages from the FHA and VA. Pension and welfare funds affiliates will buy participation certificates in the trust and receive a return on the certificates. The idea behind the pooling of the gigantic resources in union pension funds is to pour capital into the homebuilding industry to create new jobs, not only in the building trades, but also in related work. In addition, it is hoped that eventually union participation may help to push down home mortgage interest rates. George Meany will be chairman of the trust and other trustees will be appointed from participating organizations. This statesmanly move on the part of the AFLCIO leadership for the first time brings the enormous economic resources created by the trade unions in collective bargaining on pensions and welfare into the arena of social planning in this country.—State Council of Carpenters.

OPINIONS

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A.B. 1016's TRUE MEANING CLARIFIED

Editor, Labor Journal:

On Friday, April 30, the Oakland Tribune published an article inferring that East Bay Municipal Utility District employees are seeking the right to strike through legislation. This reporting is untrue.

Actually, EBMUD employees are seeking a meaningful voice before their employer. At present they are subjected to various unfair procedures which deny honest and judicial hearings of grievances, one of many unfair labor practices at EBMUD. Assemblyman Alquist, author of Assembly Bill 1016, granting collective bargaining rights to utility district employees, is correct when he charged in the Tribune article that "public utility district managements now reserve to themselves the right to make all decisions . . . sometimes with arrogant disregard for employees."

California's public employees need collective bargaining rights because their problems are no different from the problems of those who work outside the public service. So there is no reason why the machinery and procedures for resolving these problems should be different. After all, EBMUD's Board of Directors is elected by a free democratic election. Then why can't the employees have the same right of an election to determine their choice of representation? Assembly Bill 1016 will guarantee that right. But EBMUD management seems to think that collective bargaining means only that they listen a bit and then rewrite their agency regulations, and that is that. Well, that is not collective bargaining. The days of "papa knows best" are gone from the labor-management relations in government. The public employee is going to make his voice heard—especially in EBMUD!

Assemblyman Alquist's Bill 1016 is the long-needed incentive for EBMUD employees to contribute a better and more efficient public service to the taxpayers of Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

CHARLES E. TEIXEIRA,
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POVERTY WAR

Editor, Labor Journal:

The Office of Economic Opportunity now finds it necessary in its "War on Poverty" to set up an intra-departmental unit to curb its misuse by local politicians. But all my intensive study and extensive readings argue that the thing was primarily conceived as a political pork barrel. Now must it self-impose a governor to regulate the thing for which it was designed?

The same holds true for the Appalachia Aid Project. And in spite of local politicians and political school boards, civic minded people from as far away as New York are trying to make it a project for the people and by the people and not for the servile politicians of the coal operators in those depressed areas.

As for the future, the Great Society and its master plan might well be incinerated in a nuclear holocaust, still in some Presidential filing cabinet in Texas or Washington, D.C.

CHARLES H. KNAPPER
Oakland

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BEAUTIFUL U.S.

I want to make sure that the America we see from these major highways is a beautiful America.—President Johnson.